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COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1842.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL RE CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND.....£300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGERE,
PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOULTON, SAN FRANCISCO,
MAISSEUILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,
LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW,
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BONDON BANKERS.
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

MESSRS C. J. HAMBRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COCHINHARD,
Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.
" 6 " " 4% "
" 12 " " 5% "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND.....\$2,100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. L. DALYMPLE, Esq.
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MANAGER.

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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East,

Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES GRANTED at current rates on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 6, 1881.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. J. LAMKE has been Admitted a PARTNER in my Firm, and the Business will be carried on from this date, under the name of STEIL & LAMKE.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. W. KERFOOT HUGHES in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

The Business will be carried on, under the same Style, by Mr. WILLIAM LEGGE and Mr. EDWARD JONES HUGHES.

HUGHES & LEGGE.

Hongkong, January 14, 1882.

NOTICE.

WE have appointed Agents for the Mitsui BUSSAN KAISHA, of Tokio, at THIS PORT.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by MESSRS KYNOCH & Co., of WITTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MESSRS MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1881.

NOTICE.

FROM this Date and during the Absence of Mr. J. BRADLEE SMITH, Mr. D. MELAURIN will Act as SECRETARY of the Company.

WM. REINERS,
Chairman,
Board of Directors.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

M. FREDERICK DEBLOIS BUSH is Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this date, and Mr. GEORGE H. WHEELER is authorized to Sign our Name.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, 1st January, 1882.

To Let.

TO LET.

N. O. 4, Old Bailey Street,
ROAD, "KURRAJEEN," No. 10, ALBANY
OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD
CENTRAL.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—JUST RECEIVED.

BEST INDIAN SILVER JEWEL
LERY, of various kinds.

INDIAN CASHMERE SHAWLS.

SMOKING CAPS.

RUMPOORE CHUDERS; and

CASHMERE CLOTH, assorted, for
LADIES' DRESSES.

AT MODERATE PRICES.

N. M. KHAMISA,

8 and 10, Peel Street,

Hongkong, January 28, 1882.

FOR SALE.

MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S Cele-
brated BRANDS, THREPPAL'S Export
PALE ALE, and FINDLATER'S
DUBLIN STOUT in Pints and Quarts.

FINE OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen.

Also,

SILLERY MOUSSEAU (VIN DE
CHAMPAGNE), in Cases 2 dozen Pints and 1
dozen Quarts.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s
CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....\$17 per 1 doz. Case.

Pints.....\$18 per 2 doz. "

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 22, 1882.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will

CLOSE for Public Business at 12

o'clock, Noon, TO-DAY and TO-MORROW,

the 24th and 25th Instant.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"

Geo. O. Scott, Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,"

John Thurburn, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,"

William Forrest, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,"

R. Cochardin, Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,"

T. Jackson, Chief Manager.

In English and Chinese.

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

China Mail Office.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL \$1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Company are

prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE
RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual
Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE now a NEW and LARGE STOCK in the following Departments, viz.:—
HOUSEHOLD STORES.
CROSS & BLACKWELL, and More, HUNTER & PALMER'S, and AMERICAN BISCUITS and CRACKNELL'S, Scotch OAT BAKES, MACHERIE'S, ALBERT BISCUITS; New MUSCATEL RAISINS and JORDAN ALMONDS, ELVAS PLUMS, DESSERT FRUIT in Syrups, NOYEAU and BRANDY, STILTON GORGONZOLA, PINE-APPLE and ALBERT CHEESE; NEW COSQUES and CONFECTERY.

BRANDIES—COURVOISIER, EXHIBITION, STEIL & LAMKE, R. STEIL, Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

OUTFITTING Department—GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, CLOTHING, HATS, CLOTHES, FURNITURE, CHIRES; FOWNS CHEVRETTTE and CAPE, DRIVING GLOVES; BRACES; UMBRELLAS, TRAVELLING BUGS and CAPS, FELT and CORK HATS in New Shapes; WHITNEY and AMERICAN BLANKETS; OVERLAND STEEL, and LADIES' DRESS TRUNKS, PORTMANTEAUX, VALISES, BOOT CASES, HANDBAGS, OFFICE SCURRIES.

For Sale.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE

CHRISTMAS STORES AND
NEW AND SEASONABLE
GOODS.EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.
MUSCATEL RAISINS.METZ FRUIT.
ASSORTED COSAQUES.

CALLED & BOWSER'S CONFECTIONERY.

BUTTER SCOTCH.

HONEY SCOTCH.

ROSE TOFFEE.

LEMON TOFFEE.

Rose's LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
PLUM PUDDINGS.

PATRAS CURRANTS.

VALENCIA RAISINS.

MACKINNON PEN.

LIVERMORE PEN.

LAWN TENNIS BATS.

LAWN TENNIS BALLS.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

Ex STEAMER "Glenfinlas."

STILTON CHEESE.

YORK HAMS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

TESSONEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS and RAISINS.

SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

FILBERTS.

COCONUTINA.

VAN HOETEN'S COCOA.

LIBERTY & EPP'S COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNTER & PALMER'S BISCUITS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

CHOCOLATE—MENIER.

SAUSAGES.

BROWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—

Hirschek's MONOPOLE & WHITE

SEAL.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, "

TRES. GRAVES, "

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACCONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACCONE'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1, 2 & 3-star Hennessy's BRANDY.

BUICK DUCOURT & Co.'s BRANDY.

FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KRINAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CORACAO.

ANGOSTURA.

BOKE'S AND ORANGE BITTERS,

&c., &c., &c.

DAUGHT ALE AND PORTER, by the

Gallon.

ALE AND PORTER, in hogheads.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.

FRESH ROLL BUTTER.

Eastern and California CHEESE.

Bones Cod FISH.

Prime HAMS and BACON.

Russian CAVIAR.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH AND APPLE BUTTER.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-POKE in legs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.

Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting's Desert FRUITS in 2½ lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted

MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

Lunch TONGUE.

McGarry's Super LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 2½ lb cans.

&c., &c., &c.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA

RACKER

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb

tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BIS-

CUTTS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed

BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

COFFEE MEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RYE MEAL.

SPECIALTY SELECTED

O I G A R S.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.

RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly

executed.

Hongkong, January 25, 1882.

Intimations.

ELLAR & CUNARD,
THE
ROYAL ILLUSIONIST
COMPANY,
will
SHORTLY APPEAR,
Hongkong, February 6, 1882.THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in
the above Company will be held at the
Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's
Road, at Half-past Three o'clock on the
Afternoon of TUESDAY, the 28th February
instant, to receive a Statement of Accounts
to the 31st December, 1881, the Report of
the General Managers, and to elect a Con-
sulting Committee and Auditors.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, February 6, 1882. fe28

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
OF His Majesty King George The First,
A.D. 1750.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
Risks on First Class Godowns at 2
per cent. net premium per annum.NORTON & Co., Agents,
Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

NOTICE.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
OF His Majesty King George The First,
A.D. 1750.THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

POLICIES issued for long or short periods at
current rates.

Life Department.

POLICIES issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

NOTICE.

THE above well-furnished HOTEL com-

mands a fine view of the Harbour and

Shipping; and the building is surrounded

by a large Verandah, which makes this

resort the Coolest Hotel in the East.

Charges—from \$2.50 to \$4 per day.

Porter to land and ship Baggage.

SMITH, SWIFT & Co.,
Yokohama, Japan, Sept. 1881.

NOTICE.

TOK KEE,

COAL MERCHANT, 43, WING HING LANE, HONGKONG,

KEEPS on hand for Sale all Kinds of

STEAM COAL of the best quality, at
moderate rate; also has always Powerful

STEAM LAUNCHES for Hire at a reasonable

Charge, either for special Purposes, Excursions,

or Towing.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, October 16, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE IN-

SURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000. | PAID-UP, £200,000.
PAID-UP RESERVE FUND, £50,000.

TOTAL CAPITAL and AC-

UMULATIONS, 2nd ... £1,938,936.17
April, 1881.

Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

W. H. BOYD, Esq., Wm. MEYRICK, Esq.

J. H. PINCKEY, Esq., F. D. HITCH, Esq.

Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI

MESSRS RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:

MESSRS BARLING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent.

68 and 69, Cornhill.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12 % for Interest

on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits

of the UNDERTAKING are annually distributed

among all Contributors in proportion to the Premium

paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

NOTES and Queries—

On Chinese Oaths in Western Borneo
and Java.

Easy Sentences in the Hakka Dia-

lect.

Prohibition to hold Civil Office in One's

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Noon.—Local Banks close.

Claims against the *Euphrates* must be sent to the Messrs. Russell & Co., on or before this date.

Transfer Books of The Hongkong, Ico Company, Limited, closed from this date to 6th March.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, February 26.—Daylight.—*Hsiang-pan* leaves for Swatow, Amoy, Tsinan and Taiwan.

MONDAY, February 27.—Noon.—French Mail leaves for Pairs of Call and Europe.

Goods for *Glenixie*, undelivered after this date subject to rent.TUESDAY, February 28.—Daylight.—*Fing-pan* leaves for Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong.Daylight.—*Tades* leaves for Coast Ports.

1 p.m.—Tenders for Hotel Shares.

2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at the residence of Surgeon Major Murray, "Ildwood."

3 p.m.—*Melrose* leaves for Bombay.

3.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at No. 7, Queen's Road.

5 p.m.—*Emay* leaves for Manila.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Established A.D. 1841.

香港太樂房

A. S. WATSON & Co., FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS, IMPORTERS

DRUGGISTS' SONDRIES, NURSERIES, REQUISITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS

Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingko, Potash Water, Saraparilla Water, and other Altered Waters.

The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

MARRIED.

On the 9th day, at H. B. M. Consulate, Amoy, by R. J. Forrest, Esq., and afterwards at the Union Church, by Rev. J. Macgown, BANBURY KNOCKS, to THOMASIN CHARLOTTE, only Daughter of the late Robt. Pitman Hams, Bristol, Glos.

The publication of this issue commenced at 8.05 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1882.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

(Per E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

BISMARCK "WANTS TO KNOW."

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The German Government has demanded explanations of Skobelev's speech.

THE LAST OF BRADLAUGH.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Bradlaugh has been expelled and a new writ issued.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICAN MAIL, bringing San Francisco dates up to the 26th ult., may be expected here on or about the 27th inst.

THE NEXT FRENCH MAIL, which passed Cape St. James at 10 a.m. on 23rd, may be expected to arrive here on Sunday, the 26th, per M. M. str. *Yankee*. She brings London dates to the 26th Jan.

YESTERDAY morning permission was granted by Mr Justice Russell to allow, on the motion of the Attorney General, Mr Herbert Mainwaring Baily, Barrister-at-Law, to practise in the Supreme Court.

We may note that the astoundingly audacious Minute appended to the Protest, published in the proceedings of the last meeting of the Legislative Council, has not escaped our notice; and that the remarkable statement there made by Governor Hennessy will form the subject of comment later on.

THE CEYLON, which is on a cruise round the world arrived this morning from Manila with a party of 33 ladies and gentlemen. She is to be docked at Aberdeen to be cleaned, as latterly she has lost, on an average, no less than three knots an hour. She is expected to be ready to proceed to Nagasaki, her next port of call, next Thursday. During their stay the voyagers will visit all the places of interest in and around the Colony. In another column will be found a full description of the vessel.

It is now generally believed that the leading Chinese residents are being canvassed by Mr John Pitman, regarding their willingness or otherwise to erect a statue in memory of the humane administration of Sir John Pope Hennessy. The suggestion to place the statue on the present site of the whipping-post is not what could be termed a happy one, as it is well known that the Chinese are diametrically opposed to Governor Hennessy's views in the matter of flogging. We do not fully comprehend why the present Governor should have a status any more than former administrative heads of the Colony; but of course there may be good reason for Mr Pitman holding an entirely different opinion. That the "foreigner" of that name will succeed in proving the necessity to the Chinese is, we think, somewhat doubtful.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The disregard of the evil consequences to society that must ensue from laxity of prison discipline, in this Colony, does not give Sir John Pope Hennessy the slightest concern. His "popularity" has been purchased at rather an expensive cost to the community of Hongkong. His exceptional action with reference to the local goal reflects on his predecessors in office—directly charging them with gross neglect of duty, and such inhuman tendency as to totally incapacitate them from further administrative employment under the Crown. On public grounds, it would be better to err on the side of disciplining than that of undue leniency. We all know practically, in what Governor Hennessy's over-indulgence of prisoners has resulted—both to himself and the Colony. He has found favor with those sensationalists called "harrow-monsters" at Home, and his reputation bids fair, in consequence, to rank prominently among the humanitarians of the day! But what of Hongkong? Its prisoners increase, grow fat and insolent; and rampant crime, fostered by a hognign Government, is perpetrated with greater vigour than ever. The evil-doers escaping from punishment reduces a certain class of convictions, and the immunity from detection, escape from apprehension, is wonderfully utilised by Governor Hennessy to his own credit—in first increasing the efficiency of the local Police Force, and next in the enhanced moral tone of the Chinese population engendered from his humane views and superior treatment! His Excellency is

certainly clever. We have always given him credit for abilities, although some of them are of a very negative order. With some folks, figures may be made to prove anything; but with others they are worthless unless supported by facts. Stern reality is the rock on which Sir John will split—his assertions wreck; and, in the meanwhile, we have to accept the inevitable—the injurious consequences arising from the unscrupulous exercise of power by one vested with a little brief authority, who maintains, fully, the unenviable reputation acquired chequerish.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before the Hon. J. Russell, Acting *Puisne Judge*.)

Friday, Feb. 24.

LEE AYUK AND ANO. v. MARCH, \$7.93.—This was a claim for wages for a part of the month of February. The plaintiffs were coolies to the defendant, and on the night of the 17th instant had asked permission to leave the next day, Chinese New Year, which permission, they said, was granted; but the defendant said that he only gave them leave to be absent that night and not all next day. They had also received \$6 in advance, on loan, in order to spend the New Year.

His Lordship in dismissing their claim said they had wrongfully left, the defendant's employment and their current wages was liable to forfeiture for their misconduct. If the defendant chose he might also recover the \$6, which was advanced, but he, His Lordship, did not suppose that the defendant would take that trouble. His Lordship also said that it was not usual for a servant to absent themselves for such a length of time as they had done; it being customary only to grant a half day or night and not one day and two nights, as the plaintiffs had been absent.

CANTON.

Blak House, Feb. 25.

According to the intimation in my note of the 15th, the amateurs of our Theatrical Society gave the attractive play of "Barberin" at Concordia Hall last night; and were rewarded for the exceptional merits of its presentation by the hearty applause of a full audience, including a considerable number of visitors from your city and other places. Reverting to what I then wrote, as suggested by its descriptive title of "an Extravaganza," I hasten to acknowledge its acceptability in a degree warranting repetition during the season. It has less of the sensational than that title imports; and thanks to the refined taste that, with surprising adaptability to the character in manner, voice, and costume,—the gentleman who bore the part of the Princess *Toyo* conceived and performed it, the pleasurable impression of the moment (to which the younger gentleman who had the part of her Maids contributed in fully relative proportion)—deserves with the lapse of time, obliterating the then present sense of seeming incongruities in other portions of the presentation. The interest of the Play centres in the Princess, and the essentially poetical conception of the character is an interesting study, to which the present performer of it has lent much attraction. In her we see the imagination of a highly refined nature excited to a pitch of romantic enthusiasm for the wild and picturesque, and an escape from the enforced seclusion and conventional restraints of her station at the court of a King, who is nervously sensitive of the proprieties of life and the exacting regard of his neighbours. In short, a youthful Princess imbued with the romantic spirit that studies "Paul and Virginia," the works of Chateaubriand on "American Indian life, or the stories of Italy and Sicily, or even the more recent poetical pictures of Indian life by Longfellow, would impress upon so receptive an imagination, and the clever representation of the part last night has shown us, that somewhat exaggerated eccentricities of manner are reconcilable with the utmost purity of thought and refinement of feeling: a cleverness of adaptability that reached the perfection of art in the song on the last page of the book I send you, wherein his voice naturally, as it were, fell to the sweetness and

The Limestones are well represented, whether Volitic or Crystalline; these latter being both white and dark. Among the miscellaneous are: a natural magnet from the Philippines, and some dark iron sand (probably magnetic ore) found in the Province of Canton. The specimen of the "anti-eaten coal" (?) makes an important revelation in Natural History. The tortoise is known to attack live vegetation in Australia, where the only timber capable of withstanding its ravages is said to be the *jarrah*. The species found in Hongkong must, certainly, be of a very formidable nature when it goes so far as attacking mineral fuel.

The disarray of the evil consequences to society that must ensue from laxity of prison discipline, in this Colony, does not give Sir John Pope Hennessy the slightest concern. His "popularity" has been purchased at rather an expensive cost to the community of Hongkong. His exceptional action with reference to the local goal reflects on his predecessors in office—directly charging them with gross neglect of duty, and such inhuman tendency as to totally incapacitate them from further administrative employment under the Crown. On public grounds, it would be better to err on the side of disciplining than that of undue leniency. We all know practically, in what Governor Hennessy's over-indulgence of prisoners has resulted—both to himself and the Colony. He has found favor with those sensationalists called "harrow-monsters" at Home, and his reputation bids fair, in consequence, to rank prominently among the humanitarians of the day! But what of Hongkong? Its prisoners increase, grow fat and insolent; and rampant crime, fostered by a hognign Government, is perpetrated with greater vigour than ever. The evil-doers escaping from punishment reduces a certain class of convictions, and the immunity from detection, escape from apprehension, is wonderfully utilised by Governor Hennessy to his own credit—in first increasing the efficiency of the local Police Force, and next in the enhanced moral tone of the Chinese population engendered from his humane views and superior treatment! His Excellency is

cadence of a girl's. The part next those of the females presenting the most singular rassing predilections, was that of Prince *Caramal*, and I was glad to recognize in it the *Lord Plato* of three seasons ago; who, having a stronger than platonic love for the Princess, feigned personation of Barberini and enticed her to his bair—where, however, he found he had caught "a Tartar," and subsequently his rival, *Prince Doro*, came and pressed his suit successfully, after reminding her that they had already been married: a marriage that she declared was only a dream. The character of *Prince Doro* was well sustained by the veteran of the amateurs known as "Mr Hart." The difficulties of the other parts, that of *King Portio* being particularly perplexing as that of the father of a romantic and resolutely wayward Princess, and Monarch sensitive to the "opinions of surrounding nations,"—were all overcome with the usual ability of the local performers. Finally, I must note the acceptable manner in which Mr Van Aalst presided at the Piano; and the calling of Mr Baptista before the curtain in recognition of the merits of his scene painting.

China.

ANOV.
(*Gazette*)

Malle, Olga Dubois gave her Farewell Concert on 15th at the Army Club Theatre, H. M. S. *Monachus*, Commander Corfe, R. N., arrived on 16th from Swatow. The Revenue Cruiser *Per Ho* arrived here on Friday evening (17th) from the Light-houses.

The following charters were effected in Amoy during the past fortnight:

Arapo, 9,000 pencils, Taiwanfu to Taiwan, 18 day, \$1,000. *Hough Belling*, 9,000 pencils, Foochow to Tientsin, 18 day, \$2,250. *Helene*, 6,000 pencils, Foochow and back to Amoy, 14 day, \$1,700.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, Feb. 16.)

BRANCH OF OPIUM ORDINANCE.—Ho Ahung and Ng Akau, were found in possession of prepared opium without a permit from the Opium Farmer, on the 16th instant. The first defendant's case was remanded till the 24th instant, bail being admitted in two summates of \$120 each. The second defendant was fined \$50, in default six months' hard labour, and the opium found to be confiscated.

During the past fortnight we have been favoured with the presence of two British and one Russian vessel of war. It is either a feast or a famine in this respect as it is now some time since we had any vessel of war at all in our harbour.

A signal for telephone exchange in Foochow was mooted, and no doubt such a system will be primitive but invaluable. A stock system will enormously facilitate the work if the place is large enough for adequate communication to the scheme.

We understand that the Stewards of the Fokien Race Club held a Meeting on the 14th instant to consider the question of a Spring Race Meeting, and that after some conversation and weighing carefully the pros and cons, it was unanimously decided to hold a Two Days' Meeting immediately after Easter. We do hope the clerk of the weather will take into consideration the disadvantages under which the racing community enjoyed themselves in December last.

We learn that several of the parents of the Chinese Students who have lately returned to China from the United States, have sent a petition to the Peking Authorities requesting that permission be granted to their sons to return to America in order to complete their studies. These parents also say that if the Chinese Government do not care to defray the expense, they themselves will go in, and, in their petition they add that they will guarantee that their sons shall serve the Chinese Government, upon their final return, for a given length of time.

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defendant's employment and their current wages was liable to forfeiture for their misconduct. If the defendant chose he might also recover the \$6, which was advanced, but he, His Lordship, did not suppose that the defendant would take that trouble. His Lordship also said that it was not usual for a servant to absent themselves for such a length of time as they had done; it being customary only to grant a half day or night and not one day and two nights, as the plaintiffs had been absent.

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The events to-day were fully as interesting as yesterday and excitement over some of the races seemed to run higher. The assembly was larger, but the ladies did not appear to be so numerous, although the day was as bright and the air much less keen. Several times during the afternoon an enthusiastic burst of cheering was given, as a winning horse went past the post. The course was again in excellent condition and was well kept by a detachment of the Buiffs. In most of the races the time was considerably faster than last year, when Nickels brought

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THE CHINA REVIEW.

The widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries* in China and Japan, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

The China Review, of Notes and Queries on the Far East, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, originally illustrated with lithographic photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

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The publication includes papers original and selected from the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects and original contributions are, especially invited and incorporated with each number.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a résumé in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), are also all those queries which though seeking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The China Review for July and August, 1877, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review. It is a sixty page, bi-monthly, repertory of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. Address *China Review*, Hongkong—Northern Christian Advocate (U.S.A.).

Trübner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the *China Review*:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot as in some respects a continuation of *Notes and Queries* on China and Japan, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number how before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally representative of the first number of the *Review* by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's *Si King*, by the Rev. E. J. Eitel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connexion with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the *Review*, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine."

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